

the vehicle hitch and usable with or without the hitch being in use, to a second, stowed position.

Q₂ 3. (Amended) The step [Step] apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said mounting portion includes a body member adapted to engage [the] a tubular socket of a [Hayman Reece] receiver-type towing hitch.

Please **ADD** new Claims 34-37 as follows:

Q₃ --34. (New) The step apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said mounting portion includes a body member adapted to be engaged with a gooseneck of a towing hitch and secured thereto by the threaded hitch bal stud of said hitch.

~~35. (New) The step apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said mounting portion includes a body member adapted to be engaged between a mounting base of a pintle hook towing hitch and said vehicle.~~

Sub 36. (New) The step apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said step is adapted to be locked in said first position, whereby said hitch is unable to be unhitched therefrom.

37. (New) The step apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said step is adapted to be locked in said first position, hereby said hitch is unable to be hitched thereto.--